The *Light*, the *Way*, that *Children* ought to be Trained up in, wherein the Holy Men of God Walked.

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If Children, *and* Young People *ought to be Trained up* in the Feare of the Lord, and to be Sober minded, *how much more then them that are* Aged *ought to be found* therein?

YOU that be *Parents*, *FATHERS* and *MOTHERS* of *Children*, Traine up your *Children* in the nurture and feare of the Lord to depart from sin, and to depart from evil, which is the beginning of the true wisdome, to seek first the Kingdome of Heaven and the Righteousnes thereof, and then all other things shall be added, not taken away: So that this is the first thing to be sought after, the first thing to be minded, which the feare of the Lord is the beginning of, this Heavenly wisdome which Children are to be Trained up in, for that is the pearl which is not rich in God, and Godlines is profitable unto all things which is great gain, that hath the promise of *this life* and that *which is to come*. So would'st thou have an inheritance for them, labour to bring them unto the *Light* of *Christ* in them, who *lighteth* every one that cometh into the World, which will bring them unto *Christ*, from whence the *Light* cometh that he may bless them, for the *Light* that cometh from him, leadeth to him, that thou whether *Father* or *Mother*, or both, may have your *Children* to be Gods *Children*, for *God* is *Light* and dwelleth in the *Light*, & his are *Children* of the *Light*, and walketh in the *Light* which is the way to the Heavenly Kingdome, and this is the way for your *Children* to be Trained up in, wherein the *Saints* walked, and had their fellowship together, giving thanks unto the *Father* which had made them meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints *in Light*. For to be bred up in the Stubbornes, Obstinacy, Wrath, and Envy, is not the right way, such go in the way of *Cain* and *Corah* that perished, neither are such *Children* of God, who is not the *Father* of that *Seed*, his *Children* bear not such an *Image*, but his

Children are taught of *Christ*, learn of him who hath enlightened them, who is the *Way*, and none cometh to the *Father*, but by him, who saith, *learn of me, I am meek and low in heart*, behold then the *Way* people that your *Children* are to be Trained up in, Meekneſs & Humility of heart which Chriſt the *Light* teacheth, & all that learn of him come to be like unto him, to bear his Image, his Likeneſs. Therefore you that are *Parents* be carefull of this, that your *Children* walk not in the evil Way, that the evil one leadeth into, which is out of the Way of God, and the Way of the ungodly ſhall periſh; it will not be for the *Parents* joy, nor the *Childrens Peace* to be found in that *Way*; but for *Children* to be found in the *Truth*, to do *Truth*, ſpeak *Truth*, and walk in the *Truth*, there is true cauſe of joy, for there they are out of the Way of the evil one, who abode not in the *Truth*: And all lying is of the *Devil*, who are in that, are in the evil way, which the true *Light* leads out of all that obey and follow it; ſo to gather them into this *Way* that they may mind the *Light*, the *Way*, that is your care to mind them of, and your part to performe towards them that are *Parents*, that the evil one draw not out their minds, and corrupt their minds, which you are to help them in, if they are unmindful of themſelves: And be not raſh nor haſty towards them, but labour to inſtruct them, and with Love and Meekneſs to gain them, that their minds may be turned to the *Light* which turns towards God, to obey and ſerve him who hath enlightened them, *CHRIST* the *LIGHT* who was ſubject unto *Joſeph* and *Mary* his *Mother*, and the *Light* leadeth to follow *him* for an example, in whoſe mouth there was no guile, and then they will be ſubject unto you, and obey you. For ye *Children* ought to obey your *Parents* in all things *in the Lord*, and this is right, and the requirings ought to be done in the Light of the Lord, and this is right, and what of the Lord is required both of the one and the other.

And when your *Children* are come to years, provide for them ſuch honeſt lawful *Callings*, as the Lord inclines them to, or makes them *Capable of*, therein to ſerve him and their Generations, and not to be exerciſed in things *too high* for them, for if their imployment be *above them*, it will prove burthenſome unto *them*, and that which they are moſt inclined unto, they will ſooneſt get Dominion over it. And that *Calling* is lawful or honeſt which is according

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to the righteous Law of God *written in the heart*, and not contrary to it, which *law* is *Light*. And whatsoever things are honest, just, and of good report, are to be sought and followed after. So let your *Children* be imployed and exercised in the thing that is *good*, which is *necessary*, not in things *unnecessary* to cumber their wits, and lade their minds with, but to come to plainness, simplicity and Truth, that their *Yea* be *Yea*, and their *Nay Nay*, in all their Communication, and let no corrupt Communication proceed out of their mouths, neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient, for such things corrupts them, and doth them hurt, and so they loose the simplicity, modesty, and sobriety, which things are comely and of good report. And so let simplicity be minded, and purity, to keep out of the many mixtures, which the high bred *Scholars* have brought up and invented, which the *Pope* hath been the *Author of*, the *Father of*, (& not *Christ*,) training up his *Scholars* to speak *Latine*, *Lawyers* to have the *Law* in *Latine*, and *Priests* preaching much *in Latine*, or his *Churchmen* (as they are called) and things concerning *Physick* written *in Latine*, and *Greek names* and *terms* to lock up their Art, which is not simple nor plain, brought in by the *Pope*, which are yet held up, which the true *Light* unlocks, and makes manifest, wherewith *Christ* hath *inlightned* every man that cometh into the world; his *Doctrine*, his *Breeding*, and his *Manners*, who hath been *Gathering* but the Lord will *Scatter* him, and hath had his many *Masters* out of *Christs* doctrine, *Masters* of *Art* as they are called, and so would be the *Fathers* and *Masters* unto others, when as *Christ* saith, *be not ye called of men* Master: *And how can ye believe which receive honour one of another?* and saith the Apostle, *be not many* Masters, *knowing that ye shall receive the greater condemnation*; and this hath *Children* been trained up in many years out of *Christs* doctrine, or the *Apostles* doctrine, out of the *Plainness* and *Simplicity*, in the *Crafts* and *Subtilty*, and so have been worse when they came out of their Schools, than when they went in: So consider, whether this be not an upholding *Popery*, to continue that which the *Pope* hath brought in & not *Christ*, for Grace and Truth comes in by *JESUS CHRIST* the *Light*. Or did ever *Christ* learn his *Disciples*, his *Scholars*, divers *Tongues* & curious *Arts* to fit them for the *Ministry*? but he bid them *be harmless as Doves*, and told the great *Sacrificers*, and others that did the Sacrifices, *that he would have*

Mercy *and not* Sacrifices, *go and learn what that meaneth*, and leave off your curious *Arts* and *Sciences*, & *Complements* and *Ceremonies*, and learn *Plainness*, and *Simplicity*, *Meekness*, and *Lowliness* in the heart, as *Christs Disciples* that learn of him. And such cannot follow *Popes manners*, *Popish Schooles*, nor be made *Masters* of *Art*, nor *Inns* of *Court Gentlemen*, to have the changeable suites of *Apparel*, and their *Vestments* of several sorts and fashions, nor be *Masters* of the *Ceremonies* to stand in the *Courts* of *Princes*; but learn to serve the one *Master*, and so through his teaching to serve one another, that they may stand *in Gods holy place*, (which is better than the Pallace of Princes) *with clean hands, and pure hearts, and their souls not lifted up unto vanity*; mark ye *Scholars* and *Children*, who they are that must stand before him, who is *KING* of *KINGS*, and *LORD* of *LORDS*, and what his teaching is; who is the *KING* of *GLORY* and *LORD* of the *whole earth*, read *Psam.* 24. 3, 4. Now you having a *Light* from *Christ* who is the *Way* to the *Father*, and none cometh unto the *Father* but *by him* who is the *Way*, who *Lighteth* every man that cometh into the World, this *Light* will let you see your selves, and all other waies that be contrary to it, *Loving it*, and obeying *it*, you *Love Christ* from whence the *Light* cometh; but disobeying *the Light*, and walking contrary *unto* it, that wil be your *Condemnation*, the *Light* saith Christ, *who is the Way to the Father*.

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THE END.

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